

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter  
Association of Environmental Professionals

## AEP 2009 Year-end Legislative Interests

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Bill	Summary	Latest Action
AB 666 Jones (D)	<p><b>Subdivision Maps</b> Requires the legislative body of a county to make specified findings before approving a tentative map, or a parcel map for which a tentative map was not required, for an area located in a state responsibility area or a very high fire hazard severity zone. Requires the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to initiate the rulemaking process to consider adopting regulations requiring a minimum of access roads for a subdivision in a state responsibility area or very high fire hazard severity zone.</p>	<p>09/28/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.</p>
AB 804 Hall (D)	<p><b>Invasive Aquatic Species: Mussels</b> Provides that an operator of water delivery and storage facilities, who has prepared and initiated, and is in compliance a plan to eradicate dreissenid mussels, would not be subject to any civil or criminal liability for the introduction of such mussel species as a result of operations of those facilities. Provides the prohibition on a person possessing or transporting the mussels does not apply to an operator who has prepared an eradication plan.</p>	<p>09/04/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.</p>
AB 1079 Perez V (D)	<p><b>Environment: California-Mexico Border</b> Requires the California-Mexico Board Relations Council to develop a strategic plan to guide the implementation of the New River Improvement Project designed to deal with residual and projected pollution so that the New River and associated river channels can be enhanced to a condition that will allow the residents of Calexico and Imperial County to utilize them as recreational and natural assets as contemplated in the River Parkways Act of 2004. Creates an account for activities related to the project.</p>	<p>09/25/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.</p>
AB 1242 Ruskin (D)	<p><b>State Water Policy</b> Declares that it is the established policy of the state that every human being has the right to clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes, that is adequate for the health and well-being of the individual and family. Requires agencies, including the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the State Department of Public Health to revise, adopt, or establish policies, regulations, and grant criteria to further this policy.</p>	<p>09/28/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.</p>
AB 1318 Perez V (D)	<p><b>South Coast Air Quality Management District</b> Requires the Executive Officer of the South Coast Air Quality Management District to transfer emission reduction credits for certain pollutants from the district's internal emission credit accounts to eligible electrical generating facilities and to credit and transfer as many internal emission credits as are needed to grant a permit to the essential public service facility. Exempts certain actions from the CEQA. Requires a report evaluating the electrical reliability needs for the South Coast Air Basin.</p>	<p>09/25/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.</p>
AB 1364 Evans (D)	<p><b>Public Contracts: State Bonds: Grant Agreements</b> Provides that any state agency that has entered into a grant agreement for the expenditure of state bond funds where the state agency or grant recipient is, or may be, unable to comply with the terms of the agreement because of the suspension of funding for projects and contracts by the Pooled Money Investment Board shall have the authority to either renegotiate the deadlines and timetables for the deliverables within the grant agreement in order to address the suspension or to terminate the agreement.</p>	<p>09/29/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.</p>

SB 104 Oropeza (D)	<b>Global Warming Solutions Act: Nitrogen Trifluoride</b> Amends the Global Warming Solution Act of 2006. Includes in the definition of greenhouse gas nitrogen trifluoride. Provides that violation of the Act may be a crime. Incorporates changes into the Health and Safety Code.	09/28/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.
SB 372 Kehoe (D)	<b>State Parks System: Unit Modification</b> Prohibits, with exceptions, a modification or adjustment of boundaries or uses of state park units, that lie within a unit of the park system, that is incompatible with park purposes and that would reduce public use or the material, cultural, or historic significance of the unit or the removal of state park units from within the state park system, without the State Park and Recreation Commission making a recommendation to the Legislature and the Legislature enacting legislation or adopting a resolution.	09/28/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.
SB 406 DeSaulnier (D)	<b>Land Use: Environmental Quality</b> Changes the membership of the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council. Requires the council to work with other entities to facilitate the implementation of regional blueprint plans and to develop recommendations regarding plans, growth, and infrastructure funding. Modifies provisions authorizing air quality management districts and other entities to levy motor vehicle registration fees. Provides that certain revenues shall be used for land use plans to reduce the use of motor vehicles.	09/28/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.
SB 505 Kehoe (D)	<b>Local Planning: Fire Hazard Impacts</b> Requires the updating of a fire hazard planning document. Revises the safety element requirements for state responsibility areas and very high fire hazard severity zones periodically. Requires the safety element to consider the advice contained in the most recent publication of that fire document. Requires a review of the safety element. Requires, at the time of the next CEQA update, specified recommended changes to a related study.	09/25/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.
SB 575 Steinberg (D)	<b>Local Planning: Housing Element</b> Requires metropolitan planning organizations to have meetings to discuss the sustainable communities strategy and alternative planning strategy. Requires certain local governments to adopt the 5th revision of the housing element after a specified date. Specifies the schedule for all local governments to review and adopt revisions of the housing element. Requires the Department of Transportation to publish a schedule of transportation plan adoption dates. Provides for open meetings.	09/25/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.
SB 605 Ashburn (R)	<b>California Environmental Quality Act: Biogas Pipelines</b> Relates to the Environmental Quality Act that provides some exemptions from its requirements for specified projects including a project that consists of the inspection, maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, or removal of an existing pipeline. Provides that for purposes of that exemption, pipeline means a pipeline located in specified counties, that is used to transport biogas, and meets the existing requirements for the exemption and all local, state, and federal laws.	09/10/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.
SB 679 Wolk (D)	<b>State Parks: Acquired Land: Limits on Use</b> Prohibits land acquired for the state park system from being disposed of or used for other purposes incompatible with park purposes without the substitution of other land. Requires the State Parks and Recreation Commission to certify all requests to dispose of or use the land for other than purposes incompatible with park purposes provide for the substitution of other land meeting certain criteria. Requires that the commission consider requests only if all practical alternatives have been considered.	09/28/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.
SB 827 Wright (D)	<b>South Coast Air Quality Management District: CEQA</b> Amends the California Environmental Quality Act. Relates to permits for projects requiring an environmental impact report. Authorizes the South Coast Air Quality Management District to issue permits under specified circumstances,	09/28/2009: • *****To GOVERNOR.

	notwithstanding a specified court decision.	
ABX3 81 Hall (D)	<b>Land Use: City of Industry: Stadium Complex</b> Exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act any activity or approval, necessary or incidental to, the development, planning, design, site acquisition, subdivision, financing, leasing, construction, operation, or maintenance of a stadium complex and associated development included in the same project, for which an application for the project or approval was submitted on or before 01/01/09, to the City of Industry, if specified requirements are met.	09/10/2009: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.</li> <li>• In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE.</li> </ul>

**“2009 Water Package”**

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AB 39 Huffman (D)	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta</b> States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Plan.	09/09/2009: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *****From CONFERENCE Committee.</li> </ul>
AB 49 Feuer (D)	<b>Water Conservation</b> States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a 20% water efficiency requirement for the year 2020 for agricultural and urban water users.	09/09/2009: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *****From CONFERENCE Committee.</li> </ul>
SB 12 Simitian (D)	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Stewardship Council</b> Declares legislative intent to enact legislation to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Stewardship Council.	09/09/2009: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *****From CONFERENCE Committee.</li> </ul>
SB 229 Pavley (D)	<b>Water: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta</b> Declares legislative intent to enact legislation to authorize actions to be undertaken prior to the adoption of a comprehensive Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Plan.	09/09/2009: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *****From CONFERENCE Committee.</li> </ul>
SB 458 Wolk (D)	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy</b> Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and to modify the Delta Protection Commission.	09/09/2009: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *****From CONFERENCE Committee.</li> </ul>